PUBLIC SAFETY MEANS INVESTMENTS IN LIFE-GIVING SERVICES FOR COMMUNITIES.

Our children are our future, and they deserve safe communities. To make this a reality, our city, state and village's public safety priorities must focus on crime prevention.

Investing in libraries, parks, and schools is proven to dramatically decrease crime. Providing homes and basic social services creates safe neighborhoods where our families can thrive. Public education is the foundation of public safety.

Too often, **we are forced to choose between increasing funding to police or funding for life-giving services.** We want a New York that values life over the outdated systems that mistreat and tear families apart through deportation and incarceration. We want solutions that **address under-employment, provide mental health services, and work to reduce gun violence.** Most of all, we want solutions that invest in our neighborhoods. Tax dollars are better spent on preventative measures. For example, New York State spends $30,000 a year per student but $60,000 a year per prisoner.

Spending more on incarceration than education is the opposite of public safety and hurts us all.

In 2023, children and family services on the State level were cut by $800 million and Mayor Adams made significant cuts to 3K and PreK,K-12 programming like restorative justice programming, and CUNY. At the same time, **he also made cuts to library programs, healthcare services, social homeless services, and migrant services, amounting to billions.** Hard-working New Yorkers are the ones who feel the harm from these cuts, not the donors to Governor Hochul and Mayor Adams's campaigns.

We urge our City and State leaders to take immediate action. **They should restore cuts, tax the super-wealthy to address our budget deficits and direct the revenue generated towards social services.** These will ensure the health and safety of New York residents. We need them to include increased funding for parks, schools, libraries, and expanded mental health services.